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SUBJ: FFP MALI GRAIN FUMIGATION

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1. APPRECIATE BAMAKO/AID/W CONCERN NEED FOR FUMIGATION
GRAIN NOW IN STORAGE IN MALI, INCLUDING SIXTH REGION.
DUE MAGNITUDE FUNDING INPUTS REQUIRED, HOWEVER, AND
FACT THAT FUMIGATION/DISINFECTION OPERATIONS SHOULD BE
REPEATED SEVERAL TIMES ANNUALLY, SUGGEST THAT OTHER DONORS/
DONOR ORGANIZATIONS/OSRO/GOM ALSO BE ASKED TO CONTRIBUTE
TOWARDS DEFAYAL THESE COSTS, POSSIBLY ON PRO RATA BASIS.
REF C FAILED TO GIVE PRECISE STATISTICS ON HOW MUCH GRAIN
REMAINED IN E FIFTY-SEVEN WAREHOUSES CITED, OR WHAT THE ACTUAL
BREAKDOWN WAS BY CATEGORY (DONOR NATION/ORGANIZATION/COMMERCIAL
PURCHASE). IT IS ALSO NOT CLEAR HOW
MANY APPLICATIONS OF
FUMIGANT \$-60,000 WILL PAY FOR, ASSUMING THAT FUMIGATION - IN
ORDER TO BE EFFECTIVE - MUST BE REPEATED AT LEAST FOUR
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TIMES ANNUALLY.

2. IN ACCORDANCE WITH DON WILBUR'S COUNSEL, FUMIGATION/ DISINFECTATION OF RESIDUAL TITLE II GRAIN (3,490 MT) STILL AWAITING DESPATCH TO BAMAKO BEGUN EARLIER THIS WEEK. ENTIRE OPERATION SHOULD BE CONCLUDED BY WEEK ENDING OCT 5. TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, NONE OF THE OTHER-DONOR ORGANIZATIONS, WITH THE NOTABLE EXCEPTIONS OF UNICEF AND WFP, THE LATTER ACTING UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM TREVOR PAGE, HAS TAKEN SIMILAR INITIATIVES.

3. TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE WITH FUNDS AVAILABLE, DAKAR WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO PREVENT POSSIBLE REINFESTATION OF FUMIGATED/DISINFECTED TITLE II SORGHUM IN TRANSIT BY USE OF PHOSTOXIN PELLETS IN RAIL-CARS CARRYING GRAIN TO BAMAKO. IDEALLY, HOWEVER, SIMILAR MEASURES SHOULD BE TAKEN WITH RESPECT TO 18,619 MT COMMERCIAL PURCHASE GRAIN AND 7,865 MT OTHER-DONOR (USSR/FED/IRAQ/CHINA) PROVIDED GRAIN STILL AWAITING DESPATCH.

4. AVAILABILITY DAKAR OF ALL ITEMS CITED REF (C) QUESTIONABLE. EXPERTISE IS AVAILABLE. MORE PRECISE ITEMIZATION OF NEEDED ITEMS REQUIRED. DAKAR WILLING ASSIST BUT IS DEFERRING FURTHER ACTION PENDING INSTRUCTIONS FROM AID/W.
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